

DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATION

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Alternatives to court resolution of disputes

MEDIATION OF CASES

Judges may order mediation and parties may consent to mediate some or all of the issues pending in a case. Mediation is a process in which an impartial third party facilitates communication and negotiation and promotes voluntary decision-making by the parties to the dispute. The attorneys and non attorneys that are listed in the mediation section below have consented to have contact information listed identifying them as mediators. Those attorneys listed in the column labeled "Participate in pilot" have consented to do mediations as ordered by the court and to perform at least one mediation at no cost to the parties for qualifying cases. (An application for a free mediation session must be filed along with a financial affidavit. Forms are available at: http://www.iowacourts.gov/About_the_Courts/District_Courts/District_Three/News_and_Announcements/)

COLLABORATIVE LAW

Parties may also elect to utilize collaborative law (also called collaborative practice). It is a legal process enabling couples who have decided to separate or end their marriage to work with their lawyers and, on occasion, other professionals in order to avoid the uncertain outcome of court and to achieve a settlement that best meets the specific needs of both parties and their children without the underlying threat of contested litigation. The voluntary process is initiated when the couple signs a contract (called the "participation agreement"), binding each other to the process and disqualifying their respective lawyer's right to represent either one in any future family related litigation. The collaborative process can be used to facilitate a broad range of other family issues, including disputes between parents and the drawing up of pre and post-marital contracts. The traditional method of drawing up pre-marital contracts is oppositional, and many couples prefer to begin their married life on a better footing where documents are drawn up consensually and together. For more information on collaborative law, please visit the Northwest Iowa Collaborative Law Professionals' website at <http://www.nwiacollaborate.org>

Not a court endorsement: Please note that the court is not endorsing any of the attorneys/non-attorney mediators/collaborative lawyers listed below. This information is being supplied as a public service to assist parties in making decisions about their individual case. Any party to an action should consult with their attorney prior to making important decisions about their case. Individuals that are available to assist parties with mediation and collaborative law are listed below.

ATTORNEY MEDIATORS	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE e-mail	RATE	Participate in pilot?
Frank Baron	750 Pierce St., PO Box 717, Sioux City, Iowa 511020717	712-277-1015 AFBaron@baronsar.com	\$180 per hr	
Jennifer Bennett Finn	113 North 6 th Street Estherville, IA	712-362-7266 jbfpelzerlaw@mchso.com	130.00 per hr	Yes

The Iowa Judicial Branch dedicates itself to providing independent and accessible forums for the fair and prompt resolution of disputes, administering justice under law equally to all persons.

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Lindsey Buchheit Buchheit Law, PLC	633 1 st Street P.O. Box 533 Sergeant Bluff, Iowa 51054	712-823-1024 Lindsey@Buchheitlaw.net	\$200 per hr	Yes

Deborah J. Cook Deborah J. Cook Law Firm	401 Douglas St. Suite 108 Sioux City, 51101	712-204-3926 Deborahjcooklaw@gmail.com	\$200 per hr	Yes
Harold D. Dawson DeKoter, Thole & Dawson, P.L.C.	315 Ninth Street PO Box 253 Sibley, 51249	712-754-4601 Harold@sibleylaw.com	\$170 per hr	Yes
Deb De Jong	108 Central Ave SW, PO Box 135, Orange City, IA 51041	712-737-4999 Deb.DeJong@DeJongLawPC.com	\$175 per hr	Yes
Jay Denne	600 4 th St., Ste 303 Sioux City, Iowa 51101-1747	712-233-3635 JayDenne@mrldlaw.net	\$175 per hr	Yes
Shawna Ditsworth	1212 18 th St., Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360	712-336-2901 Shawna@Shawnaditsworth.com	\$400 for two hr session	Yes
Matt Early	Fitzgibbons Law Firm, L.L.C. 108 N. 7th Street P.O. Box 496 Estherville, IA 51334	meearly@fitzgibbonslawfirm.com Phone: 712-362-7215 Fax: 712.362.3526	\$200 per hour plus travel time at 50% rate from the nearer of Spirit Lake or Estherville	
John Flaten	708 Lake St., PO Box AK Spirit Lake, 51360	712.336.1292 jflaten@spirtlakelaw.com	150.00 per hour	
F. Lee Goodwin	750 Pierce Street, PO Box 717, Sioux City 51101	712-277-1015 flgoodwin@cableone.net	\$225 per hr	
Alyssa A. Herbold	427 W. Main Street P.O. Box 100 Cherokee, IA 51012 Office: 712-225-3143 Fax: 712-2256085	FRIDAY LOCATION 320 Front St., P.O. Box 225 Pierson, IA 51048 Office: (712) 375-5872 www.alyssaherboldplc.com	\$150.00 per hour with a two hour minimun	

Angela Kayl	705 Douglas Street, #635 Sioux City, 51101	712-277-0810 angelakayl@kayllaw.com	\$100 first two hrs, then \$200	Yes
Lori Kolpin	PO Box 338, 136 Main St., Aurelia, Iowa 51005	712-229-5480 lorijkolpinlaw@newulmtel.net	\$150 per hr	Yes
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Rosanne Linehard	Sioux City	712-251-6113 Rllaw96@gmail.com	\$150 per hr + exp.	Yes
Lisa Mazurek	216 W Main St, Cherokee, Iowa 51012	712-225-5194 FAX 712.225.3744 lisa@millermillermiller.com	\$150.00	Yes
AMES Michael Moon (retired judge)	707 Crystal Street Ames IA 50010	641.751.2000 Michaelmoon930@yahoo.com	\$150 per hour	
Rebecca Nelson	522 Fourth St., Suite 300, Sioux City, Iowa 51101	712-277-2373 rnelson@rawlings-law.com	\$200 per hr + exp.	Yes

Christopher Polking	225 E. 7 th St., PO Box 882, Carroll, Iowa 51401	712-792-1548 CPolking@polkinglaw.com	\$150 per hr	Yes
Elizabeth Rosenbaum	600 4 th St., #1006, Sioux City 51101	712-233-3632 Elizabeth@rosenbaumlawfirm.net	\$200 per hr	Yes
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Barry Sackett Sackett Law Firm	Suite 3, 1004 21 st Street, PO Box 128, Milford, Iowa 51351-0128	712-338-9106 FAX: 712.338.9108 barry@sackettlawfirm.com	\$150.00 pr hr	

Maura Sailer	25 South Main Street Denison IA 51442	712.263.4627 msailer@frontiernet.net	\$150 per hour	
John Sandy	304 18 th St., Box 445, Spirit Lake Iowa 51360	jmsandy@sandylawpractice.com 712-336-5588	\$100 first 2 hrs then \$200 per hr	Yes
Sabrina Sayler	329 Pierce Street Suite 200 Sioux City, Iowa 51102	605-232-3340 SSayler@craryhuff.com	\$200 per hr	Yes
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NON-ATTORNEY MEDIATORS				
Jeffrey S. Vinsonhaler	1313 East 7 th Logan, Iowa 51546	402-580-1147 helpinghandmediation@gmail.com	\$150 per hr. or \$75 w/3-hour minimum	Yes

Tricia Mull-Short	TMS Mediation Service, 320 South J. Street, Indianola, IA 50125	515-318-8316 TMullShort@yahoo.com	\$75. Per hr	
Hank Ostwald	Iowa Mediation Services, 20 West 6 th St., #303, Spencer 51301	712-262-7007 hostwald@smunet.net	\$140 per hr + exp.	Yes
James E. Shaul	120 N. Washington St., Papillion 68046	402-706-8870 jimshaul@shaulmediation.com	Sliding scale \$25 to \$150 pr hr	Yes
Doug Smit Hope Haven Inc.	1800 19 th St., Rock Valley, 51247	712-476-3162 dsmit@hopehaven.org	\$100 per hr+ exp	
Alesha Walker	313 E 7 th St. Logan, IA	402-580-1147 HelpingHandMediation@Gmail.com	\$70 per hr	Yes
Kathy Mossie	1109 S. 15 th St. Clear Lake, Iowa 50428	641-357-2042 Kathy_Mossie@cltel.net	\$100 an hr	Yes
Elaine C. Knudson	2083 Glen Ellen Rd., Sergeant Bluff, Iowa 51054	H: 712-943-5652 C: 712-281-56542 Knudson@longlines.com	No charge	Yes
Christina Paulson	Iowa Mediation Center 500 Willow Ave. #202D Council	712.730.4004 iowamediationcenter@gmail.com www.iowamediationcenter.com	\$25 to 75 per party w/sliding sale available	

Attorneys practicing collaborative law:

Attorney members are licensed member in good standing of the Iowa State Bar Association and have insurance that covers their collaborative practice, have completed a minimum of 12 hours of training in the practices of collaborative law, and are members of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP).

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